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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey has been assembled.

On the agenda of our Plenum were: the Political Situation, Questions of the Trade Unions, the National Democratic Front and the strengthening of the Communist Party of Turkey (TKP).

The Plenum discussed the report presented by the Political Bureau and took decisions which will guide the work of the Party. The Plenum unanimously approved the report and policy of the Political Bureau.

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Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

ON THE PLENUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY

On the 7th of May 1978, the TKP announced to the working class of Turkey, to our people and the peoples of the world that the Plenum of the Central Committee of the Party had been assembled. The gathering of the next highest organ of the TKP after its Congress is of historical importance. In a commentary dated May 8th, the "Voice of the TKP" Radio stated the following (in summary) "The Plenum was held in a period when the fascist danger in our country is increasing to an unprecedented extent. Fascist violence inspired by American imperialism and NATO is part of attempts to drag the country into civil war. There is continuous incitement of national and ethnical differences. Plans along these lines are rapidly being shifted to the eastern regions of the country.

"In spite of the great danger presented by fascist attacks, the Republican People's Party-dominated government is pursuing a policy of a vacillation.

"Government wavering notwithstanding, the struggle of the working class and working people is mounting. The most concrete proof of this is the massive May Day demonstration which united the main forces that will form the National Democratic Front. May Day confirmed once again the political influence of the working class of Turkey, the strength of the TKP and its ability to draw large masses into action, unite them against the common enemy, imperialism and fascism.

"The TKP, which has concluded the Plenum of the Central Committee by strengthening the Leninist unity of the Party in every respect, is struggling in such a political atmosphere. Before all else the TKP is illuminating the pressing duties of the struggle. It is organising the struggle of the masses against the main enemy and main danger, imperialism, NATO and fascism. With this concrete, urgent aim, it is striving for the unity of front and unity of action of all national, democratic forces. The TKP is conducting a ceaseless struggle for the trade union and political unity of the working class.

"While unanimously approving the line of struggle under the leadership of the Political Bureau and the General Secretary, İ. Bilen, the members of the Central Committee of the TKP evaluated the following fact: The TKP has inevitably defeated opportunism and liquidationism, established the hegemony of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, and won the revolutionary trust and militant support of hundreds of thousands of working people who shouted "Freedom to the TKP!" in May Day Square... The Plenum of the Central Committee of the TKP is thus a great step forward in both the class struggle and party life".

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ORGANISATION (IGD)

Dear representatives of our youth,

The Central Committee of the TKP expresses warmest revolutionary greetings to your First Congress on behalf of all communists of Turkey.

The Progressive Youth Organisation, the mass organisation of worker and student youth, is striving to ensure unity of action of the youth for anti-fascist and anti-imperialist aims. It is organising the struggle of masses of youth for jobs, professional training, security of life and democratic education. First and foremost it is struggling heroically and self-sacrificingly, under the leadership of the working class, against the fascist danger standing before our whole people, against imperialism and the collaborating big bourgeoisie, for peace, democracy, national independence and socialism.

This struggle is a struggle between light and darkness, progress and reaction, liberation and slavery, war-mongering and peace. It is a struggle to protect our country, 40 million people, from becoming nuclear fodder. It is a struggle to liberate the army, of which youth form the vast majority, from NATO command, to liberate the youth from the grip of imperialism. This struggle is a struggle against death. This struggle is a struggle to live.

The fascist forces and the big bourgeoisie, the collaborator of imperialism are trampling on democratic rights and freedoms, on our national independence and national honour. They are inciting chauvinism against the Kurdish people and the national minorities in the most violent and bloody forms. They are striving to turn the peoples and sects living in Turkey against each other. The struggle of the youth against the mortal enemy of their future, the menace of fascism, is sacred.

The progressive youth of Turkey are heroically continuing this struggle today. They are giving martyrs in this struggle. Nevertheless, they remain undaunted and unyielding. They know well that there can be no victory without struggle.

The youth of Turkey also gave many martyrs in past struggles against imperialism and the collaborating ruling classes. It gained valuable experience in these struggles. The TKP fought and is fighting with all its strength against right opportunism and the line of inaction in the youth movement. It is also

constantly warning the youth against twisted "left" adventurism. The TKP is applying all its strength to ensure that youth does not flounder in the swamp of fascism, reaction and Maoism.

The most natural right of youth is to live in a world without exploitation, oppression or war. The ideals of youth are boundless, their revolutionary feelings strong, their souls sacred. These ideals can be realised only under a socialist system. The TKP is showing the youth the only revolutionary road to the achievement of this great aim. This road goes through the unity of action and unity of front of all national, democratic forces under the leadership of the working class, through an advanced democracy that will grow into socialism.

The TKP is showing the youth the Marxist-Leninist road of struggle. This is the only hope of the youth. Today masses of youth are shouting alongside the working class: "Freedom to the TKP!"

The Central Committee of the TKP believes that the First Congress of the Progressive Youth Organisation (İGD) will constitute a new stage in its development, that it will be a powerful surge forward in its struggle.

We wish your Congress great successes.

15 May 1978

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

**TO COMRADE FLORAKIS, FIRST SECRETARY, CENTRAL
COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREECE**

Dear Comrade Florakis,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the TKP, I greet this great forum of the Greek communists. I regret that, owing to difficult conditions and for reasons beyond our control, we were unable to accept your invitation and I was unable to attend this Congress. But I am with you in all my communist feelings, and I rejoice at the convening of your 10th Congress.

The Fraternal Communist Party of Greece is a militant detachment of the internationalist army of the world communist and workers' parties. It has passed through the fires of long class struggles. It has matured in battles against imperialism, fascism, opportunism and liquidationist-splitting trends. The working class and people of Greece are rightfully proud of their Marxist-Leninist party which has passed such tests. We too are proud of it.

The historical and deep ties between the TKP and the Communist Party of Greece are rooted in the unity of struggle of the working class and people of the two countries against their common enemy, imperialism and NATO. Those ties are based on the indestructable principles of proletarian internationalism and close friendship with the CPSU, the party of Great Lenin.

The strengthening of the Communist Parties of Turkey and Greece, in battle, and their leadership of the struggle of broad working masses for peace, democracy and socialism are playing an important role in ensuring peace and

security in our region and in Europe, and in contributing towards the strengthening of the Marxist-Leninist unity of the international communist and workers' movement.

Dear Comrade Florakis,

We are confident that the 10th Congress of the Communist Party of Greece will further strengthen the development of your party. I wish great successes to your Congress, and health and well-being to yourself.

With communist greetings,

İ. Bilen

General Secretary

Central Committee,

Communist Party of Turkey

15 May 1978

SUMMARY OF THE SPEECH MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TKP AT THE 10TH CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREECE

Dear Comrades,

I present to your Congress, to all comrade delegates, to all Greek communists, the most heartfelt, fervent greetings of the Communist Party of Turkey, and of all communists of Turkey.

This Congress has a historical significance for both the Communist Party and communists of Greece and the working class and people of Greece. In our region reaction and progress, imperialism and national independence, democracy and violence, tension and detente, war and peace, socialism and capitalism stand opposed to one another...

Comrades,

The Communist Party of Greece has come through the fires of long and hard battles. It has seen a succession of fascist repressions and bloody terrors.

Our neighbours, the working class and people of Greece, are continuing their struggle against imperialism, NATO, war provocations, collaboration with imperialists, reaction, violence and those who tread underfoot national independence and national dignity. The Communist Party of Greece has always conducted this struggle in close unity with the struggle against all manifestations of opportunism and all those who trample on the principles of Marxism-Leninism: liquidationists, splitters, those who would divide the communist movement. The Communist Party of Greece has always been true to proletarian internationalism...

Dear Comrades,

We, our people, are next door neighbours. Feelings of closeness and friendship have always dominated relations between the working class and the peoples of the two countries. The imperialists, ruling classes, collaborating bourgeoisie and fascists have long been using everything possible to sabotage this friendship and closeness, and turn the two peoples against each other. The communists of Turkey and Greece, our parties, have always been and are still

struggling against these assaults of enmity and chauvinism...

Comrades,

In both countries, the attitude, contrary to national interests, of the circles dependent on imperialism is blocking peace and security in our region, in particular, in the Aegean. Struggle against this common danger is the constant duty of both parties.

Comrades,

It is an honour for us to participate in your Congress. It strengthens the bonds between our parties. Let us express our sincere thanks for the warm hospitality you have shown us.

Long live the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Greece!

Long live the unbreakable internationalist bonds between the TKP and the Communist Party of Greece!

Long live Leninism!

THE IMPACT OF MAY DAY AND ATTACKS OF REACTION

The massive May Day demonstration carried out by all anti-imperialist, anti-fascist forces, under the leadership of the working class, had a strong impact on public opinion in Turkey. Our working people, who participated in the demonstration in hundreds of thousands, greeted all anti-imperialist, anti-fascist slogans with great joy and enthusiasm. "Freedom to the Communist Party of Turkey!" "Long live Proletarian Internationalism!" "No to NATO!" "The bases of aggression on our soil must be dismantled!" these and many other banners had a great impact.

This highly-organised, conscious and disciplined May Day demonstration showed the power of the proletariat of Turkey and dealt another heavy blow against anti-communism and anti-Sovietism. May Day was a concrete manifestation of the unity of action against the menace of fascism being forged on the battlefield by class trade unionists, communists, socialists and left social democrats. Statements issued on behalf of their hundreds of thousands of members by various organisations, trade unions, professional associations, youth and women's organisations strongly emphasised that the May Day demonstration was a step forward towards the establishment of a unity of front and unity of action of all national, democratic forces against imperialism, the fascist threat, bloody attacks and the policy of exploitation and repression.

The magnificent May Day demonstration had a strong impact in the international sphere as well. The press of the socialist countries and the organs of many fraternal communist and workers' parties reported the May Day demonstration in Istanbul. Such newspapers as "Neues Deutschland", "Unsere Zeit", "Pravda", "Rabotnichesko Delo" and "L'Humanite" stressed the discipline and high level of class consciousness displayed in the demonstration, as well as the demands made by hundreds of thousands for freedom to the TKP.

Such a development multiplied the fears of the reactionary forces. When they realised that all their provocations and intimidations prior to May Day had been in vain, they went over to even more violent attacks soon after the May Day demonstration. The ringleaders of the former government, Demirel, Türkeş, and their partners, strove to conceal the anti-imperialist, anti-fascist political content of May Day, to break up the unity of the national democratic forces who stood shoulder to shoulder in May Day Square. They intensified their attacks in the face of pictures of Marx, Engels and Lenin being carried in May Day Square, in the face of shouted slogans for "Freedom to the TKP!" and "Long live proletarian internationalism!" They also came out against Prime Minister Ecevit's words on the subject of "Freedom to the TKP!": "Demands for freedom are a necessary part of democracy."

The reason for the attacks by reactionary-fascist forces is clear. They are angry and irritated by the fact that the May Day demonstration was not marred by any event. For example, Ali Elverdi, presently a Justice Party MP and formerly a military judge who shed the blood of patriotic youths during the period of martial law following the 12th of March coup, expressed his desire for the shedding of blood and the assassination of Republican People's Party MPs on May Day in a daily newspaper. The reactionary fascist forces are enraged that the working class barred Maoists and fascist commandos from entering May Day Square.

Reactionary newspapers like "Tercüman", "Son Havadis" and "Millet" are claiming that divisiveness was displayed in the May Day demonstration. They are hoping to disrupt the unity of the Turkish and Kurdish people against the common enemy.

However these attacks of the reactionary fascist forces and their mouthpieces are in vain. The working class of Turkey is resolute in the struggle against imperialism and fascism. They showed this decisiveness in May Day Square. The proletariat of Turkey has recognised its Marxist-Leninist Party, the TKP. The clear demonstration of this on May Day is the foremost reason of the intensifying attacks.

CELEBRATION OF THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF KARL MARX

Meetings to commemorate the 160th anniversary of the birth of Karl Marx continued in the first half of May Day. Like all the fraternal communist parties, the Communist Party of Turkey also celebrated this anniversary.

Following a commemorative evening in April, the editorial board of "The Voice of TKP" Radio organised a seminar in connection with the 160th anniversary of the birth of Karl Marx, the founder of scientific communism, the leader and teacher of the international working class. The seminar took up topics of importance to the communist parties and revolutionary forces of our day, topics such as "Marxism and Proletarian Internationalism", "Marxism and the Dictatorship of the Proletariat" and "The struggle of Marxists against Opportunists".

Every report presented on these three topics stressed that Marx had bequeathed the working class, revolutionaries and forces struggling against imperialism for peace, democracy, national independence and socialism a great theoretical heritage. The reports emphasised that Marxism, developed and creatively applied by Lenin, illuminates the social development of humanity, the class struggles, socialist revolution and establishment of socialism and communism, that Marxism-Leninism is a sound and vigorous science of struggle. While organising the struggles of our working class and people against imperialism and the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie, the TKP is unswervingly loyal to Marxism-Leninism and the principle of the dictatorship of the proletariat. It is struggling resolutely against every manifestation of opportunism.

RELATIONS WITH OUR SOCIALIST NEIGHBOURS

At the end of April, the Soviet Chief of Staff and First Assistant to the Minister of Defence, Ogarkov, arrived in Turkey for official discussions. This visit was a new confirmation of the great importance which the Soviet Union ascribes to our country in its efforts to secure peace in the world and in our region, and to deepen detente.

The Turkish Chief of Staff, Evren, expressed an historical truth in saying that "The People of Turkey shall never forget the fraternal aid provided by Soviet Russia during their national liberation struggle against the foreign invaders". The Soviet Union has always followed a peaceful policy towards Turkey. Friendship and fraternity between the two countries was among the main principles of the first worker-peasant state led by Lenin. So it is today as well.

The Soviet Union wants to live in friendship with our country. As a guarantee of peace and security, it is proposing the signing of a non-aggression pact. It is striving to extend relations of all-sided cooperation from the economic to the political sphere.

Similar relations are developing between Turkey and the other socialist countries. Doors are being opened to all-sided cooperation with them as well. Bulgaria is the best example of this. At the beginning of May, Prime Minister Ecevit visited Bulgaria. The Joint Statement issued at the conclusion of official discussions between Ecevit and T. Zhukov, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and President of the State Council, declared that there exist new possibilities for the development of cooperation between the two countries.

New advances in relations between Turkey and her neighbouring socialist countries are to the benefit of our people. Our people want friendship and cooperation with all socialist countries, with the Soviet Union first and foremost. On May Day hundreds of thousands of working people shouted slogans for peace, disarmament and friendship and fraternity between peoples. The TKP is organising the struggles of our working class and people for these demands.

